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Local Matters.

New Polo Grounds.

The contract for the layout of the new polo ground at the Golf Club's recent purchase near Bateman's Point has been awarded to Maccolini, of New York, who started the work last week. Friday with thirty-five Italian laborers. Street Commissioner Cotton who made the plans for the improvement, has the supervision of the work.

The lots as being laid out will measure 1030x50 feet, that is the play ground proper will measure 1000x500 feet and be entirely surrounded by a carriage way, 40 feet in width. It is to be exceptionally level, too, there being a rise of only 16 inches in its entire length and of only five inches in its entire width, so that it will be not only one of the largest polo lots in the country but one of the finest.

The present polo grounds, at the lower end of Thames street, measure only about 700x400 feet, have a carriage way on one side only, and are anything but level.

This work is being done by what is known as the "King syndicate" and is only a part of a general plan that includes the lay out of new golf grounds, the building of a one-mile trotting track and the erection of a handsome club house, and which it is the intention of those interested to push to an early completion.

It is understood that Mr. Pierre Lorillard, who has recently returned from Paris, has withdrawn his interest in the large tobacco concern bearing his name in favor of his son, Mr. Pierre Lorillard, Jr. It is also understood that Mr. Lorillard, who is noted for his fine racing horses, has said that he will race no more on American turf. He will return to England shortly and will probably carry a string of thoroughbreds with him, as he has not declined to race on English soil.

Steam yacht Norma, belonging to the estate of the late Horace Daniels of Providence, was purchased at auction on Wednesday by C. H. Merrill of Exeter, N. H. The price paid was \$7,350.

The Norma is a screw schooner-rigged yacht of 153 tons' burden, 150 feet long over all, 10 feet beam and 12 feet 3 inches depth. She was built by C. & R. Pollion of Brooklyn, in 1884, and fitted up in a very fine manner. She was considered a good sea boat and a very handsome and commodious yacht.

At a meeting of the Fourth of July committee in Bristol held Tuesday evening it was voted to offer silver cup to be competed for by boats' crews from the Naval reserves of Bristol and Newport in a race in Bristol harbor on that day. It is hoped that the local reserves will bring the prize home with them.

The Rhode Island State Society of Cincinnati will hold its annual meeting at the State House in this city on July 4th.

Mr. Albert H. Beck of Boston has been in town this week.

THE FINEST YET.

The *Priscilla* is Inspected Monday Night—Fully 4000 People View Her Elegance With Wonder—Fateful Trip Tuesday a Gratifying Success.

Steamer *Priscilla*, the latest addition to the Old Colony Company's Fall River line, was thrown open to the Newport public Monday night and its greatness and marvelous elegance of arrangement, finish and furnishings were viewed with wonder by upwards of 4000 people.

Those who had inspected the Puritan and thought that the phenoms of perfection in a steam vessel had been reached were struck with astonishment at the additional richness encountered at every turn on the new boat, a full description of which was given in last week's *MERCURY*, but which, as we stated, must be seen to be appreciated.

Between 8 and 8:30 Tuesday morning the *Priscilla*, in her holiday attire of flags and bunting, received on board upwards of 200 guests who had received invitations to participate in her final trip and partake of the company's hospitality. She did not leave her dock however until 9:20 and the guests spent the time of waiting in masking a daylight inspection of the craft, or viewing from her spacious decks the insectual efforts of three large steam tugs to rescue her stranded sister, the *Plymouth*, which had gone on the rocks south of Rose Island during the dense fog of the night before, and when the ropes were finally cast off it was without either Supervisor Pierco or Superintendent Gardiner. This was a source of universal regret to the guests and many expressions of sympathy were heard as it was explained that the accident to the *Plymouth* was the cause.

The sail to Fall River was a delightful one. The *Priscilla*'s big whistle was called upon almost constantly to acknowledge the congratulatory salutes of some passing steamer, and from all classes of buildings along the shores came the waving of handkerchiefs and shouts of praise, while the docks about the Fall River landing were thronged with enthusiastic admirers of both sexes and all ages.

The big boat came gracefully up to her dock and there received upwards of a thousand additional guests who had been brought from Boston and way stations by special train. Then, at 11:30, as everything was pronounced in readiness for continuing the trip, Miss Susan Sherman Gardner, daughter of the absent Superintendent, appeared at the bows in company with Passenger Traffic Manager G. L. Connor and hosts of friends and officers of the company, including President Kendrick. She entered in her hand a bottle of champagne, prettily festooned in red, white and blue, with which, after a brief but appropriate address, she christened the boat in accordance with time-honored custom. The band which had also made its way into the bow of the boat then struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" and the newly christened *Priscilla* started on her outward trip.

About 3:30 in the afternoon, while some forty men were busily at work arranging the apparatus for raising the stranded steamer *Plymouth*, a heavy guy rope parted, throwing a heavy plank against William Schwartz, a fireman in the employ of the Old Colony Company. He was hurled to the bottom of the scow, on which he was at work, with great violence and when rescued it was found that his jaw and several of his ribs were fractured and that he had taken into his lungs a large quantity of salt water and mud which the scow contained. He was taken to the hospital where he now lies in a precarious condition.

A rather singular accident happened at the evening performance of Hunting's circus. As a man was leaving the tent after the performance, he was hailed with "Look out there, Mister, or you'll lose yer watch," and glancing downward he found a handsome gold watch and chain hanging to a button of his coat. He immediately released the property and handed it to Officer Mathewson, who stood near by, explaining how he had found it and stating that it would probably be called for by the rightful owner. It has never been called for, however, nor has any report of the loss of a watch been received at police headquarters and it is presumed that whoever lost it thinks his pockets were picked and is keeping quiet for fear of ridicule on the part of his friends.

Shortly before 3 o'clock the *Priscilla* was back to her Fall River dock where her guests disembarked. Those from Newport went in search of what the Border City might offer for their amusement until 5:15 when they took the train for home, arriving here at 6 o'clock well pleased with their day's excursion.

The chief officers of the *Priscilla* are as follows, and their efficiency and uniform courtesy won highest compliments from the guests during Tuesday's trip:

Commodore—Aaron G. Simmons. Captain—Wm. H. Thompson. First Pilot—Capt. A. Brainer. Second Pilot—Charles Wood. Purser—John F. Ward. Steward—B. T. Green.

The various Masonic bodies in this city have accepted the invitation of Rev. Isaac Newton Phelps to attend divine service at the First Baptist church tomorrow, St. John's Day. The lodges will assemble at 6:30 p. m. and will attend the 7:30 p. m. service.

The 1st Rhode Island Volunteer Veteran Association will observe the anniversary of the battle of Bull Run at the annual summer reunion at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, July 21.

Mr. George B. Caswell has completely recovered from a severe attack of diphtheria and is able to be out.

The Pawtucket High School will make an excursion to this city in Steamer *Planet* this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Carr are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sayer on Howard avenue.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Gray of Little Compton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Penelope Peckham, on Newport avenue.

Mr. Wm. P. Bachelder of this city was a member of the graduating class at Harvard this week.

AN EXCITING DAY.

Wednesday Recorded a Chapter of Accidents and Crime.

Wednesday was a busy day with the police and recorded several accidents and at least one crime.

In the morning considerable excitement was created along the street by a man being taken to the police station with nothing on but his pants and undershirt, but it proved a "simple drunk," and the people were quieting down when, early in the afternoon, it was reported that a woman had been shot and killed on Long wharf.

An investigation of this startling report proved that a woman had been shot and seriously wounded, but not killed. The shooting took place in the laundry rooms on Long wharf, kept by a colored woman named Anna Hammond, and the person shot was an employee of the place, also colored, named Suzy Howard.

A man, who proved afterwards to be John O'Connor, had entered the place when the woman were at work, and after insulting them and having been ordered off the premises he picked up a 22-calibre shot gun which had been left standing in one corner of the room, and taking deliberate aim at the younger woman's head fired. The woman fell and her assailant fled.

Dr. Barker was summoned and the police were notified. Officer Donnan called the ambulance and had the woman conveyed to the hospital while Detective Richards and several officers went in search of the assailant. O'Connor was found locked in a room in John Mahoney's place near by and taken to the police station and subsequently to the hospital where, at the latter place, he was identified by the injured woman as the person making the assault. Thursday he was taken to jail where he will await the result of his trial. The Chapman Wrecking Company of New York was then given charge of the matter and the season will be given to the police.

The steamer's bottom was examined by divers and their report, together with the fact that it was almost high tide when she struck, convinced Mr. Pierco that the only way of relieving her would be by pontoons. The Chapman Wrecking Company of New York was then given charge of the matter and the season will be given to the police.

The coaching parade, which has become one of the features of Newport's "season," will take place this year late in August. The starting point will probably be the same as last year's with the Golf Club grounds for the objective point. Luncheon, a dance and a visit to the polo games will, as usual, follow the parade. It is understood that although the review of the coaches will be made at Bateman's Point, the pageant will not be photographed, as it is against the wishes of the members of the club.

Six pontoons are being placed under the vessel and with these it is expected to be able to raise her sufficiently to float her over the rocks which are now embedded in her outer hull. Just how much she will have to be raised cannot

now be known, but it is thought not more than the distance between the outer and inner hulls, which is 30 inches, and the wreckers hope to float her by tomorrow, or Monday at the farthest.

Thanks to the superior construction of the *Plymouth*, which is one of the staunchest boats of the line, it is believed that she will easily be made just as good as she was before the accident. Her lines are sprung but very little, her labor work not being even cracked, and she is believed to be without injury above the holes in her bottom. Nearly all of her stateroom doors open and shut just as freely with her where she is as they did before she struck, which is strong evidence that her frame work is still intact.

The machinery, too, is thought to be practically uninjured, which is surprising considering the fact that the rock on which she bears heaviest is through the outer hull almost directly under her engines.

How seriously her bottom is injured will be known only after she has been placed in the dry dock. There are three holes in the outer hull forward, where she first struck, and the outer hull must also be more or less stove near midships where the rocks now hold her, but her inner hull is thought to be but little damaged as the compartment is easily kept free from water by her own pumps.

Several painful accidents have fallen men while at work upon the *Plymouth*, but no fatalities. One of the sailors of the boat suffered the fracture of two ribs while lowering one of the boats on the night the steamer struck, and Wednesday William Schwartz, a fireman in the employ of the Old Colony

Company. He was hurled to the bottom of the scow, on which he was at work, with great violence and when rescued it was found that his jaw and several of his ribs were fractured and that he had taken into his lungs a large quantity of salt water and mud which the scow contained. He was taken to the hospital where he now lies in a precarious condition.

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The Public Schools Get \$4,500.

At a special meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening the report of the Finance Committee upon the request of the School Board for additional money with which to open the new industrial school, was read and received and on its recommendation a resolution was passed appropriating \$4,500 to be added to the regular appropriation for schools. The report of the Committee on Burial Grounds, calling attention to the needs of more land for the City Cemetery and to the offer of the Braman lot of 200,000 square feet adjoining at 15 cents per foot, was read and received. Numerous applications for carriage, drivers', eating house and pool table licenses were received, and some were granted and some refused. A license was granted Forepaugh's circus at \$35.

The Aquidneck Mutual Insurance Company.

Those interested in the formation in this city of a mutual fire insurance company held a meeting at the National Bank of Rhode Island Monday afternoon and organized under their charter by the election of the following officers:

President—Frederick Tompkins. Vice President—A. McLeod. Secretary and Treasurer—Clarence A. Hammett. Director—H. Bull, Jr. Directors—Frederick Tompkins, Angus McLeod, William E. Dennis, Melville B. A. Sherman, H. Bull, Jr., A. R. Quisenberry, H. W. Briggs.

Under New Management.

At the annual meeting of the Newport Herald Publishing Company, Saturday evening, a complete change was made in the company's management.

The officers now are:

President—A. O'D. Taylor. Treasurer—Charles Kochen, Jr. Directors—A. O'D. Taylor, Geo. E. Warner, Howard Smith, William P. Clarke, Charles Kochen, Jr.

Mr. Dennis W. Sheehan's deposit at the Commercial Bank Wednesday included a check for 60 cents on the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, dated July 16, 1885. It was signed by Samuel Clark, General Treasurer, and was given Mr. Sheehan in payment for groceries Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Davis have returned from a visit to Richfield Springs.

THE PLYMOUTH'S ACCIDENT.

The Palatial Steamer Grounds Monday Night During Dense Fog—Still on the Rocks South of Rose Island—All Efforts to Pull Her off Fail and She is now Helped Pontoons—Not Thought Badly Damaged—Notes.

The Old Colony steamer *Plymouth* met with a bad accident Monday night, while enroute from Fall River to her Newport dock. It was a dense fog, and, as is the custom in thick weather, she took the course around Rose Island and the breakwater.

She passed down the west side of the island all right, but in attempting to round the point the turn was too quick and landed heavily on Spindle rock where she is still held fast.

The passengers were considerably frightened by the shock, but were soon quieted by the officers, and word was at once sent to Supervisor Pierco who telephoned to Jamestown and secured the services of the ferry boat in transferring the passengers to Long Wharf where arrangements were made for their conveyance to New York.

This being done, tugs were secured and arrangements made for hauling the boat off as soon as it should again become high tide, which was about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The attempt proved ineffectual, however, and the work was abandoned until the next tide, in the evening, when it again failed.

The steamer's bottom was examined by divers and their report, together with the fact that it was almost high tide when she struck, convinced Mr. Pierco that the only way of relieving her would be by pontoons. The Chapman Wrecking Company of New York, is now in Newport making arrangements for the opening of this most popular pleasure resort. Mr. Russell expects to open about the first of the month. Prof. Mullaly's orchestra, as usual, discourses sweet music at the Casino this season. They will arrive about the fourth of July and the first dance of the season will be given on the following Friday.

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CHAPTER IV.

THE CLOSED GATE.

When Portia rejoined me, two hours later, her eyes were heavy and swollen from weeping.

"Parton me, my friend," she said sadly, "for leaving you so unmercifully, but I had received a terrible blow. I tell I must get away by myself. Come, Prudence," she concluded, "come, let us walk. I cannot remain quiet."

Puzzled by her looks and manner, I complied with her request. We left the house and entered one of the broad, densely shaded and winding paths. For some time we walked in silence. When I stole occasional glances at my companion, I could see she was far from composed. The anxiety lurking in her eyes, the hard, despairing lines about the lips, betokened the inward conflict. At last I spoke:

"I am really grieved, Partia, to see you suffering so. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"No, nothing," she broke out wildly. "No, there is nothing you can do, or, for that matter, that any one can do. I tell you, Prudence," and stopping short at a turn in the path she seized my arm in a convulsive grasp, "God himself could not help me. I am in awful danger!"

"Danger!" I cried.

"Hush!" she exclaimed, looking apprehensively about. "Hush! Yes, in danger!"

"My dear, my dear," I said soothingly, patting her arm as I might a child's, "your nerves are in a bad state. You need rest. Why, Portia, what danger you'd be to you in your own home and with your husband's protecting love to guard you? Why, these are the idle fancies. Dismiss them at once."

"My husband!" she cried in agonized tones. "Ahl it is through him that danger threatens me. But what am I saying?"

Oh, Prudence! Sometimes I fear I am going mad," and she bowed her head upon my shoulder and wept.

My distrust, my dislike, faded instantly. This cold, harsh woman! I had been condemning was my Portia after all, attacked by disease perhaps, crazed by fancied terror. Poor, suffering girl! I put my arms about her and comforted her as best I could.

When she had grown calmer, we walked on, and resolutely a rustic arbor sat down. Portia still sighed mournfully and wiped the straggling tears from her cheeks.

"A charming visit you will have," she said, with a forced attempt at gaiety. "I am ashamed of my weakness, but when these frightful fits of depression pass me I cannot possibly control myself."

"Are you subject to these moods, Portia?"

"Oh, yes," she sighed. "For two years I have either been torn with feverish panics or plunged into the depths of foreboding. But today—today!"

"There, there, never mind. Don't think of it!" I murmured; "think of something pleasant. Look at the glorious sky, the sunlight, the trees, the flowers. Think of some happy event of your life. Think, Portia, of those dear, peaceful days of long ago—our schooldays—when life had not a care!"

I stopped abruptly. Portia's face had once again assumed that inexplicable expression—a look of mingled cunning and alarm; the same awful glance I had seen through the window the night before I received now. But I floundered on.

"Do you remember, dear girl, what Sister Agatha said to you the morning of our graduation? I can see her now, as she laid her hand upon your shoulder."

"Oh, yes!" interrupted Portia. "Dear Sister Agatha, she was always so lovely and gentle, and her precepts so sound and wise."

I stared at her in amazement.

"Why, Portia, you must be dreaming. Sister Agatha was anything but gentle. She was the terror of the school. No one was so feared and dreaded next to Mother Patricia."

"Why, of course," laughed Portia—

same simile, mocking laugh of last night—"how stupid of me! I must have been thinking of some other sister."

"Doubtless you were thinking of Sister Madeline."

"Yes—Sister Madeline. It was she."

"Sister Agatha said, if I recall it right, Portia, you have every prospect of happiness. Wealth, youth, beauty, are yours to be, my child, that the gates along which the beacons of this life are placed leads to the heavenly city." Portia, I have never forgotten that scene. The sun, with her white, ascetic face glowing with spiritual fervor, one hand lifted in benediction; you—in the flush of beauty and expectancy listening to the farewells of that good woman. What a picture it would have made!"

"I cannot remember it very well," Portia said, with a curious air of impatience as if the subject bored her, "at all events I am convinced that I am not in spirit very near the purer gates. I really think I am in the neighborhood of the bottomless pit. But come, Prudence, how much longer are you going to dawdle here?" and springing up she hastily walked on, leaving me to follow in a more perplexed state of mind than ever.

I had hoped to touch Portia with the remembrance of that concert, goodby, but had only succeeded in annoying her. She appeared vexed when I spoke of our school days, and now that I gave the subject some reflection I regretted that the night before when I had once or twice referred to our concert life she had quickly changed the conversation. She had not asked once after any of our former associates and appeared absolutely to have no interest in the old life.

We pursued our way slowly and silently. The drip of the fountains, the rustle of the leaves and the shrill, sweet notes of the mocking birds broke the stillness. Occasionally Portia would bend over a bed of flowers, examine them intently, pick one or two, then smilely wander on.

We came at last to a little slope which descended abruptly toward Dead Man's swamp. Here the tangled thickets

and vines grew closer and closer. Birds rose in frightened flight at our coming. Once I saw a snake wriggle quickly across our path.

"This is a gloomy part of the grounds," I returned. "It is near the swamp, is it not?"

"Yes," said Portia, almost sullenly. "Yes, I hate it. I never walk here. I don't know why I have come today. Is it an omen, I wonder?"

"An omen of what?" I asked lightly. "You surely do not expect to be wooed."

Again I paused abruptly at sight of my friend's face.

"You doored!" she cried angrily. "What do you mean? What do you know of toodooloo?"

"Only what I have read and heard," I retorted.

"Oh!" she returned, as if relieved. "I didn't know but some of the servants had been chattering their abundant stuff to you. I don't allow it to be talked about me."

"It is pap," shouted Daphne, dancing like a firefly.

Portia said nothing, but I felt her body sway as if about to fall. I caught her in my arms. She was trembling, pale and cold.

"Compose yourself, dear," I urged. "Why, Portia, I don't believe you are anxious to see him after all."

"Oh, yes," she murmured faintly. "Yes, I thirst for a sight of his face. My love—my love—Prudence," suddenly clinging to me, "remember that always—whatever comes—remember, I loved him as few women love."

The carriage dashed up to the steps, and a tall, well built, athletic man sprang to the ground. As he came up the steps I saw a broad, low brow, with heavy masses of dark hair, threaded with silver, eyes dark and full of sorrow, a straight nose.

Daphne flung herself into his arms. Portia turned so pale I was alarmed.

"Oh, my dear girl, forgive me for speaking of these things when you are already so unstrung. But why did we come to this desolate spot? The very surroundings suggest all sorts of ghastly tales. Let us return."

But Portia went on down the slope if impelled by some unseen power.

Straight toward the swamp she went.

"Come back, dear," I urged; "come,

"I heard an awful cry—a fearful scream. Do you know I could only think of one thing?"

"And that?"

"Murder!" I scarcely breathed.

Portia turned so pale I was alarmed.

"Oh, my dear girl, forgive me for speaking of these things when you are already so unstrung. But why did we come to this desolate spot? The very surroundings suggest all sorts of ghastly tales. Let us return."

Daphne flung herself into his arms. He pressed the child with a tender, caressing grace to his heart and kissed her little face again and again. "Papa's own baby," I heard him murmur.

During this meeting Portia stood back, white, trembling, and with eyes fixed upon the ground. When Colonel Marchmont put the child down, she moved forward and mechanically held out her hand. She seemed like a person in a trance.

I saw Colonel Marchmont start, then taking the outstretched hand he barely touched it with his lips, saying, "I hope you are well, Portia."

"Very well. And you?"

"Never better."

"Let me introduce an old school friend, Prudence Mason, of whom you have heard me speak. Prudence, my husband."

Colonel Marchmont shook hands in hospitable fashion and greeted me with a friendly little speech. I was vaguely conscious that my unexpected presence appeared to be a relief to him.

"My musings were interrupted by little Daphne, who had been allowed to sit up and watch her mother's toilet for the ball. She ran toward me, screaming in pretended fright, from her nurse Sophie, who wished to put her to bed. I took her in my arms and kissed her."

"Good night, darling."

"Don't want to go to bed," she announced in shrill, childish treble; "wants to sit up with you."

"Laws now, Miss Daphne, come on," urged Sophie.

"No, no," cried the child; "no, won't go to bed till Auntie Prudence takes me for walk."

"A walk now at 9 o'clock!" I said.

"This is no time to take a walk."

"Yes," cried Daphne, dancing and clapping her hands, "yes, you and Sophie, we—me—down to the arbor and back. Then I'll be good and go to bed."

I could not resist the child's pleading and told Sophie we would go for a short turn in the garden.

"Only as far as the arbor and back," I admitted.

"Yes, yes," laughed the delighted child.

We threw on our light wraps and set out. The moon was full and sent down a flood of light, turning every leaf and twig and branch into shimmering silver. The fountains were splashing softly, and the birds faintly twittered in their nests. It was a scene of enchantment—veritably midsummer night's dream.

"No wonder the child hated to go to bed," I said to Sophie as the little one

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CHAPTER V.

PORTIA'S HUSBAND.

It is useless to attempt to analyze the emotions which possessed me during our return to the house. I was now confident that I was in the company of a mad woman and was deliberating upon ways and means for a speedy departure northward. And yet, when Portia's excitement had subsided, when we were once more amid the flowers and fountains, she looked perfectly self-contained and sane. Her eyes had lost their earthy glitter, and when she again touched my hand her flesh was warm. Alone in my room I pondered upon the events of the day; Portia's fury when Daphne brought her the flowers and her evident dislike of her child; her alarm at something contained in her husband's letter; her intimation that danger threatened her through her husband, whom she so evidently idolized, and her rage when I attempted to open the closed gate in that dreary out of the way corner of the grounds.

"Come away," she hissed in my ear; "come. Don't dare to try to open it. Come, come."

CHAPTER VI.

IN THE ARBOR.

. The evening of Colonel Marchmont's return was given over to the ball of which mention has already been made.

Portia was a picture in her white satin gown, the lace of which was caught here and there with clusters of scarlet verbenas. When she was dressed and stood intently regarding herself in the mirror, she sighed heavily.

"Why do you sigh, Portia?" I asked as I pinned the last knot of flowers in the folds of her gown.

"Those red blossoms," she answered dreamily. "I have a curious fancy about them, Prudence. Do you know that they look like drops of blood?" Then catching my reproving expression she laughed gayly, caught up her scarlet fan and hastened to join her husband in the drawing room.

Sometimes strange lights barred over its top and again darkness reigned, though I felt it was there, and once I dreamed I stood before it and heard three awful and measured knocks, and on crying out "Who is there?" received answer, "Portia."

I wakened, wearied and languid from my feverish sleep.

When I descended to breakfast, I found Portia laughing and romping gaily with Daphne. This unexpected sight filled me with delight. The mother and daughter pelted each other with flowers, ran races and danced together. Suddenly Portia cried out pettishly that she was wearied of such nonsense and relaxed into a gloomy mood, during which I caught her eyes more than once fixed on me with an expression of distaste.

"Did I write you that I met Maurice in Atlanta?" he asked.

I was standing near Portia, indeed just stretching out my hands to assist her with the troublesome glove. I

had just said, "How do you regard me so intently, pick one or two, then smiley wander on."

We pursued our way slowly and silently. The drip of the fountains, the rustle of the leaves and the shrill, sweet notes of the mocking birds broke the stillness. Occasionally Portia would bend over a bed of flowers, examine them intently, pick one or two, then smiley wander on.

We came at last to a little slope which descended abruptly toward Dead Man's swamp. Here the tangled thickets

I was wondering, you little gray mouse, what you would do if you should hear unkink things said of me—yes, more than unkink—dreadful, wicked, cruel deeds charged against me."

"Absurd!" I said laughingly.

"What would you say, for example, if some one were to come in that door and tell you that I had betrayed faith and honor; that I was a thief?"

"Nonsense!"

"That I was a murderer?"

"Oh, hush, hush, Portia!" I cried, going over to her and taking her by the shoulders. "Why do you suggest such hateful thoughts? Put them away and come out upon the piazza."

"Yes," she said, with that strange air of proud humility I had noticed before, "yes, I will come."

As we passed into the hall a servant approached us with the tidings that a carriage had just turned into the long avenue leading to the mansion.

"It is papa," shouted Daphne, dancing like a firefly.

Portia said nothing, but I felt her body sway as if about to fall. I caught her in my arms. She was trembling, pale and cold.

"Compose yourself, dear," I urged. "Why, Portia, I don't believe you are anxious to see him after all."

"Oh, yes," she murmured faintly. "Yes, I thirst for a sight of his face. My love—my love—Prudence," suddenly clinging to me, "remember that always—whatever comes—remember, I loved him as few women love."

The carriage dashed up to the steps, and a tall, well built, athletic man sprang to the ground. As he came up the steps I saw a broad, low brow, with heavy masses of dark hair, threaded with silver, eyes dark and full of sorrow, a straight nose.

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"And that?"

"Murder!" I scarcely breathed.

Portia turned so pale I was alarmed.

"Oh, my dear girl, forgive me for speaking of these things when you are already so unstrung. But why did we come to this desolate spot? The very surroundings suggest all sorts of ghastly tales. Let us return."

Daphne flung herself into his arms. He pressed the child with a tender, caressing grace to his heart and kissed her little face again and again. "Papa's own baby," I heard him murmur.

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All those who are charitably disposed and who also wish to listen to a delightful entertainment should remember the Flower Mission entertainment in Masonic Hall next Thursday evening. Reserved seats are now for sale at Rogers' music store.

The gold reserve in the U. S. Treasury has now fallen to \$40,000,000, the lowest point ever reached.

Newport had a large representation on his Priscilla's trial trip. Over one quarter of the entire party came from here.

A million and a half is considerable money to put into one boat, but that is said to be the cost of the elegant Priscilla.

Twenty-two of the forty-eight survivors of the United States corvette Kearsarge's fight with the Alabama held a reunion in Faneuil hall, Boston, Tuesday.

It is said that ex-Mayor William R. Grace will be the next Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York city. It is satisfactory to Tammany Hall although not a member of that organization.

The Old Colony Company is partial to the letter P. The steamers Providence, Pilgrim, Puritan, Plymouth and Priscilla form a striking array of P's, as well as the fleetest fleet of steamboats afloat.

A bill was introduced in the National House of Representatives on Thursday authorizing J. P. Robinson, L. R. Robinson, W. G. Roekler, F. D. Sturges, W. W. MacLay and their associates to establish a free port at Point Judith.

Senator Hill of New York made a ringing speech Thursday against the income tax feature of the tariff bill. He informed his colleagues plainly that he would not vote for the infamous measure. We wish that there were more like him in the ranks of the Democracy. It would be better for the country.

The people of the country have lost confidence in the Democratic party and find their leaders all the wisdom of Solomon they could not convince the people that they are safe guides to follow. There will be no great revival of business till after the next Congress is elected in November.

A handsomely designed gold medal will be presented by the Union League of Philadelphia to Rear Admiral A. E. K. Bauman in recognition of his patriotic service in the harbor of Rio Janeiro in maintaining the rights of United States merchant vessels during the Brazilian conflict.

Our venerable contemporary, the MERCURY, entered last Saturday, upon its 137th year. The MERCURY is to be congratulated on its remarkable vigor for so well along in years.—Eulogium.

Thanks, neighbor, the MERCURY has been on the earth many years and it expects in time to reach a vigorous old age.

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BY FALSE FOOTINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Emil Knappa Swindled a Springfield Bank Out of \$49,000.

Ted to Steal by His Passion For Stock Gambling—Was Prominent In Society Circles and a Connoisseur of Some Note.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 22.—Emil C. Knappa, the well-known canoeist, and at one time champion, is an embezzler from the Choctaw National bank, thirtysix. The amount of Knappa's peculations is about \$40,000. The loss to the bank will not be over \$20,000, as Knappa's bond covers that balance. Knappa was charged with the crime, and confessed all to the bank people. As the bank is a national institution, Knappa's crime is against the United States banking laws.

Knappa's stealings had been going on for about a year. He took a little at first and invested it in stocks. Of course he intended to replace the money when he realized on his speculation. But realize he never did. He took the bank's money again and again to try and make a lucky strike that would enable him to square himself with the bank and put back the money he had stolen.

Knappa covered his shortage in accounts by forced balances and false entries. When the last bank examination was made Knappa's accounts were passed as all right. Bank Examiner Evel discovered Knappa's wrongdoing Tuesday, when he was making his examination of the bank. He discovered a number of forced balances and called Casimir West's attention to them in the presence of Knappa, who at once confessed.

Knappa is unmarried and about 33 years old, a product of the local public schools, and has been employed at the bank for a dozen years. He was a quiet, modest young man, exemplary in his habits, with no fast companions and no extravagant tastes.

His crime is a great surprise, not only to his many friends, but to the whole community, as he was universally liked and thought to be the soul of honesty.

The bank will not be bothered in the least by the theft of the money. It is too secure and resourceful an institution, and its statement shows its present condition to be more than able to meet all obligations.

\$10,000 at One Time.

John J. Smith, manager of the local office of Clark, Ward & Co., were agents of most of the speculators, tells of Knappa's downfall. "Knappa has been speculating in stocks two years. He started quite modestly, and made no very considerable losses until the panic set in last July, when he sunk about \$10,000. He then began to plunge in railroad stocks, hoping to replace, and in this way lost considerable money. In all he must have invested \$30,000 through our house. We thought we speculated on money advanced by some of his wealthy banking friends."

Knappa also sunk some money with the Boston house of Macy & Pendleton. Knappa told Charles L. Long, the bank's counsel, that at one time he was \$3000 ahead of the game, but reverses came and he lost all that he had made.

Knappa's method of embezzlement consisted in raising checks and manipulating the accounts so as to cover up the shortage, and he did it mostly by false footings.

When Bank Examiner Gatchell made the last examination of the bank's books, a year ago, he failed to discover a shortage, while Bank Examiner Ewer, whom Gatchell turned out of the Boston district, discovered the shortage within 15 minutes after taking charge of the books.

Hearing Postponed.

BOSTON, June 22.—Emil C. Knappa, assistant to the of the Choctaw National bank at Springfield, Mass., was arraigned before United States Commissioner Fiske in the government building charged with embezzling \$49,000 from that institution. His counsel not being present, Knappa answered, "Not guilty" to the charge, and the hearing was postponed until Saturday. Bail was placed at \$30,000.

Rain, Hail and Lightning.

WINDSOR, Conn., June 20.—A severe storm visited western Connecticut. Lightning destroyed John Ryan's house at Walling Hill. The hurricane raged at Chaplinville, and the buildings of the Lander Iron company were blown down. Farm buildings in Teterington and Riverton were destroyed. Hail seriously damaged crops. A barn being built at Norfolk was struck, and nine carpenters fell from a staging to the ground. An Italian was perhaps fatally injured.

Suppressing Lotteries.

PORTLAND, Me., June 19.—At the tobacco store of John Cox, the police yesterday seized 200 Louisiana lottery tickets and 800 tickets of the Chicago co-operative syndicate. Joseph B. Reed was arrested and 1389 Louisiana lottery tickets were seized from him.

Time to Wind Up.

RICHMOND, Me., June 22.—The Home Casualty company, organized in 1892, has applied for the appointment of a receiver. Its liabilities are \$5000, and its assets amounting to \$800. Less than 800 policies, out of the 2800 issued, are in force.

Will Look For Pointers.

PROVIDENCE, June 22.—Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, designer of the Vigilant, will sail for Europe to assist in running in that yacht in the races in which it is entered. He will study the winds, tides and currents off the coast of the British Islands.

IN CONGRESS.

Condensed Report of the Proceedings in Both Branches.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The wool and silk schedules of the tariff bill were disposed of. The house passed the Indian appropriation bill.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—An attempt was made in the senate to put coal on the free list, but it failed. The anti-option bill was taken up in committee of the whole in the senate.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Another vote adverse to free iron was taken in the senate. The anti-option bill was discussed in the house.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The senate disposed of the free list, and the income tax feature is the next thing on the program. The house further discussed the anti-option bill.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—In the senate interesting speeches were made on the income tax provision of the tariff bill, and the debate may occupy the rest of the week. Mr. Pease, in the house, took advantage of the anti-option debate to make a silver speech.

Not Likely to Happen.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., June 22.—The story that Uncle Sam's army proposed to visit Onset has made considerable feeling hereabout, for it is thought that should the army come here President Cleveland and family would be likely to leave Gray Gables. People generally do not anticipate this will happen.

New Advertisements

Court of Probate, Providence, R. I.
June 18, A. D. 1894.

E. C. BENEDICT, WILLIAM H. HAMMETT and JOHN H. MAGNUSEN present to this Court their petition, in writing, representing that

EDWARD T. BOOTH, late of the City, County and State of New York, left said will and testament, when and where the day of August, A. D. 1893, proved and allowed by the Probate Court of said City, County and State of New York, that they are the Executors named in said will, and that said Edward T. Booth, at the time of his death, was sole and possessed of certain personal property situated in Providence, Rhode Island, whereof said will therewith presents to this Court, and a copy of the proofs and probate thereof, under the seal of said Court where said will was proved and allowed as aforesaid may be filed and recorded in the Probate Office in said Middletown.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to the Court of Probate to be held in the Town Hall in said Middletown, Monday, the 2nd day of July next, at 10 o'clock A. M., notice thereof to be published for fourteen days once a week at least in the Newport Mercury.

ALBERT T. CHASE, Probate Clerk.

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M. R. DANIEL WATSON presents his petition to said Court, praying that Samuel H. Turner, of Middletown, or some other suitable person, now or to be appointed Administrator on the estate of

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COURT GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

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LITTLE COMPTON.

Henry T. Sisson and wife have sold to Charles A. and Horace Franklin, of Providence, a house lot, No. 82, near Seacourt Point, upon which the latter have built a summer residence.

Brownell R. Snell, of Little Compton, has sold to Garthron Wordell, 30 acres of land, with dwelling house and other buildings.

Job Wordell, of Tiverton, has sold to Ezra B. Manley, of Little Compton, a two-story dwelling, out-building and 66 acres of land, known as the Robert Seabury homestead.

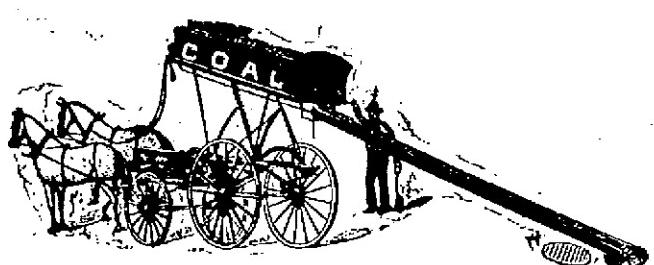
Pardon S. Kaull, of Newport, sold at auction the schoolhouse in district No. 4, known as the Edward Howland property.

George R. Viall, of Providence, has sold a house lot at Seacourt Point to Whipple B. Phillips, of Providence, upon which the latter will erect a summer residence.

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MIDDLETON N.

COURT OF PROBATE.—The Court of Probate held its usual monthly session at the town hall on Monday, when all the members were present.

The will of Richard H. Peckham was proved and ordered recorded and Nancy H. Peckham, his widow, was appointed administratrix with said will annexed on the estate of said Richard and gave bond in the sum of \$100, with Gilbert L. Ward as surety. Of this estate Stephen B. Congdon, Pittsfield and Gordon D. Cox were appointed appraisers. In accordance with an act of the General Assembly authorizing David Coggeshall to release the right of dower of his wife, Sarah C. Coggeshall, in the farm formerly of Albert Cornell of Portsmouth, first giving bond to the Court of Probate of this town, the amount of bond was fixed at \$500, and George B. Coggeshall and Joshua Coggeshall approved as sureties.

The petition of Elias C. Benedict and others, executors of the will of Edwin T. Booth to have an exemplified copy of the same and of the probate thereof filed and recorded in the Probate Office of Middletown was referred to the third Monday of July and notice ordered thereon.

Mrs. T. S. Tilley of Newport is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Oscar Peckham.

TIVERTON.

Mr. Morse, of Taunton, has hired the Davol cottage for the season.

Mrs. Hattie Baldwin, of Fall River, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of Emerson Ash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bailey, of Dartmouth, were in town over Sunday, the guests of Mrs. John W. Almy.

Extensive improvements are being made to Capt. James B. Church's residence. A windmill has also been erected on the place.

Miss Alice Baker fell off her bicycle and sprained her ankle.

Summer visitors are arriving at their cottages.

Geo. C. Manchester and family have hired the residence of the late Wm. Anthony for the season.

Capt. N. B. Church and daughters have returned from Boston from the annual commencement of Laselle seminary. Miss Elizabeth Church received a certificate in book-keeping.

Mr. Eagan and family, of Fall River, have hired the Anthony cottage on Crescent avenue for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Leach, of New York, are at F. D. Williams' summer home.

A floral concert was given Sunday evening at the Free Baptist Church by the members of the Sabbath school and others. The exercises consisted of Scripture reading and reading by the pastor, singing by the choir and school and recitations from the children. The church was prettily trimmed around the platform and organ placed in front.

About 60 friends and members of the C. E. Society met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Manchester Friday evening. The time was pleasantly and profitably passed with music and singing.

At a meeting of the town council held in the town hall, bills allowed and orders for payment given were as follows: Edwin B. Ridge, trustee officer, \$10.20; Henry Abbott, janitor and town sergeant, \$9; Edwin B. Ridge, police constable, \$6; Henry Abbott, trustee officer, \$7.50, police constable, \$16.50; Walker Bros., street supplier, \$1.51; Delancy D. Wilcox, blasting and removing rocks, \$10; Merleb Dring, board of Eliza Manchester, \$3; David W. Hart, surveyor district No. 1, \$10.25; Charles A. Scolum, surveyor district No. 9; Adoniram King, surveyor district No. 10.

For Petit Jurors, Orlando H. Smith, Thomas G. Ward, Nathan B. Brown, John Gibson, John H. Manchester, Joseph L. Chase, Joseph M. Underwood, Eliza A. Peckham, Isaac Lincoln Sherman, Francis E. Lewis, William H. Peabody.

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Report of the Agricultural Bureau for the Week Ending June 19.

BOSTON, June 20.—The weather has been generally favorable for all growing crops during the week just passed. Cool the first two days, with light frosts in southern sections, and unusually hot and dry all the last part of the week, except local thunder showers.

Late planted potatoes are doing best in the north, and early ones in the south.

The lack of rain is being felt most by grass and all light soils. Hay-making has begun in the extreme south. It is suggested that all correspondents make a full report next week of the condition and prospects of the hay crop.

Meaty warm and pleasant weather has prevailed in Maine during the week just passed, and most crops have felt the influence of the high temperature and sun-shine. Corn and potatoes especially are pushing ahead fast.

In Aroostook county the moderately late planted potatoes are doing the best. Corn is growing very fast in New Hampshire and potatoes are showing well; bugs are very plenty in northern sections. Wild or field strawberries are very scarce in southern counties. The hot weather has taken the moisture from the soil very fast, and rain is needed on the soil.

In northern Vermont, in Orleans county, it is feared that the hay crop will be light unless very favorable weather obtains; but farther south in Orange county the correspondents report that the grass is doing as well as one could wish.

Wednesday was very cold along the coast in Massachusetts, and on Thursday morning the thermometer dropped to 31 degrees in Plymouth county, and ice was formed in some few places. Strawberries and other tender crops were slightly injured. We have no report of damage to the cranberries. The weather and sun-shine of the last part of the week have pushed the crops along wonderfully.

A thunder shower on the evening of the 12th was accompanied by hail in Fairfield county, Conn., doing considerable damage.

The week has been very favorable for growth in this state as well as in Rhode Island, although rain is needed in nearly all sections. Potatoes and corn are growing fast. Fodder corn that had just been put in is coming along with a rush. Ryegrass is heavy. Oats are still running, but in some fields there is a slight improvement since last week.

Judge Compton died.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 20.—Judge John H. Crump, 40 years old, committed suicide last evening. He was of an intensely nervous disposition and subject to frequent attacks of morbid despondency. Judge Crump laid in a bath tub, placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his heart and with his foot released the trigger. He leaves a widow and two children. Judge Crump engaged in newspaper work with his law practice and was editor of the New London Evening Telegram for several years. Up to the time of his death he was editorial writer on the New London Day.

Rumors are current that a big sale of real estate is about completed upon the banks of the Narragansett on the west side of the main road leading from Bristol to Warren. Several fine residences will be built by Boston men.

An official report is to the effect that the wheels of the National India Rubber Company, Bristol will be kept in motion the entire season. A large amount of orders insure this. Help is being constantly advertised for in the above department.

The committee consisting of Grand Army men representing the posts of Providence, East Providence and Pawtucket, chosen to make arrangements for the erection of a soldiers' monument upon the plot given in St. Francis cemetery, Providence, by Bishop Hawkins, have decided to raise a monument to cost not less than \$50,000 upon the site. Our design, which the committee is considering favorably, is the model made by Stephen Kelly, the sculptor of Boston. The model is that of a color bearer and it was taken from life in Providence only a few years ago. It represents a Union soldier, clad in the old-style blouse and cap, in whose left hand is held the colors of his company. He is at a halt and peering into the distance. Something has attracted the color bearer's attention and with his right hand extended across his body he has grasped the hilt of his sword, as if challenging an antagonist to combat in defense of the stars and stripes. It is said to be an exceptionally fine work.

Mrs. Alice Baker fell off her bicycle and sprained her ankle.

Summer visitors are arriving at their cottages.

Geo. C. Manchester and family have hired the residence of the late Wm. Anthony for the season.

Capt. N. B. Church and daughters have returned from Boston from the annual commencement of Laselle seminary. Miss Elizabeth Church received a certificate in book-keeping.

Mr. Eagan and family, of Fall River, have hired the Anthony cottage on Crescent avenue for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Leach, of New York, are at F. D. Williams' summer home.

A floral concert was given Sunday evening at the Free Baptist Church by the members of the Sabbath school and others. The exercises consisted of Scripture reading and reading by the pastor, singing by the choir and school and recitations from the children. The church was prettily trimmed around the platform and organ placed in front.

About 60 friends and members of the C. E. Society met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Manchester Friday evening. The time was pleasantly and profitably passed with music and singing.

At a meeting of the town council held in the town hall, bills allowed and orders for payment given were as follows:

Orlando H. Smith, \$1.51; Delancy D. Wilcox, blasting and removing rocks, \$10; Merleb Dring, board of Eliza Manchester, \$3; David W. Hart, surveyor district No. 1, \$10.25; Charles A. Scolum, surveyor district No. 9; Adoniram King, surveyor district No. 10.

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